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## REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005, the deadline for response to which is extended to April 7, 2006, by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, the Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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